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SUBJ: LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE

1. FONMIN KHALATBARY HAS JUST SENT US COPY OF  
LETTER HE WROTE AUG 30 IN RESPONSE TO SECY'S LETTER  
OF AUG 28 ON LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE. TEXT FOLLOWS:

"EXCELLENCY,

" "I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER  
DATED 28TH AUGUST 1976 REGARDING THE LAW OF THE SEA  
CONFERENCE AND FOR THE INTEREST WHICH YOU HAVE SHOWN  
IN ESTABLISHING CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO  
COUNTRIES IN THIS RESPECT.

" I HAVE READ THE CONTENTS OF YOUR EXCELLENCY'S  
LETTER CAREFULLY AND CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE SHARE YOUR  
INTEREST IN SUCH COOPERATION. WE FULLY APPRECIATE THE  
IMPORTANCE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY  
FOR CREATING A PERMANENT FRAMEWORK FOR INTERNATIONAL  
COOPERATION ON THE EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF  
THE OCEAN'S RESOURCES.

" THE VIEWS OF THE IMPERIAL IRANIAN GOVERNMENT  
ON THE LAW OF THE SEA ARE VERY CLOSE TO THOSE OF THE  
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UNITED STATES AND I HAVE INSTRUCTED OUR DELEGATION

TO KEEP IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH YOUR DELEGATION  
DURING THE COURSE OF THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS. I AM  
CONFIDENT THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO COOPERATE CLOSELY  
WITH ONE ANOTHER IN A SPIRIT OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING  
AND AMITY, RESULTING IN A SATISFACTORY LAW OF THE SEA  
CONVENTION, AS ENVISAGED IN YOUR LETTER. YOURS  
SINCERELY, ABBAS ALI KHALATBARY."  
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